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Hello Everyone

Another lovely week weatherise. At weekend, the forecast was for sun everyday except Thursday when it would rain..... well, they were wrong and yesterday was overcast for most of the day but very warm without any wind, making excellent conditions for our Afternoon Tea Parry.



We began preparation on Wednesday when the gazebos, chairs tables and crockery were all moved from the church store to our garage. On Thursday morning, Trevor and Nigel erected the gazebos and put the furniture in place.

The team from the MU committee then added the tablecloths, flowers and crockery to each table. Indoors was all the food which we organised onto platters and cake stands. Teapots were ready to be filled and we awaited the arrival of everyone. This happened very quickly and soon we had a garden full of chattering ladies and gentlemen. It was so good to see members and friends, all of whom are amazing supporters of everything we do.



I suspect that the chattering was tightened by the Prosecco which as usual Trevor was pouring (for a donation) !!



Lucille and Eluned were in charge of the raffle and ticket money and we are absolutely delighted to say that £525.56 was raised for A.F.I.A. Pat Simpson who is an MU member at Bessacarr and is one of the deanery officials, came yesterday with her husband John. She had a photograph of the hamper that had been produced by Bessacarr members to give to the family from the area who are to go on holiday tomorrow sponsored by AFIA. Pat told us that when they delivered the hamper the lady

was tearful and said that what AFIA have done for her family is more than wonderful, almost a lifesaver.

When we had added up the money yesterday, Pat said that it is half the cost of a holiday and a fantastic result. Thank you to everyone who came yesterday and to those of you who gave a donation. Thank you to Elaine who had written and delivered in her usual way, a poem for the event!! Thank you to Paul for announcing the raffle.



It was also lovely to welcome Tanis and Peter. Tanis continues to do so much for Mothers' Union.

Tomorrow is the MU Rally at Doncaster Minster and it would be good to see members and friends there.

Next week, collections for the Woman Refuge and GFFG at Balby will begin in Ernest. Already, people have contacted me about delivering donations and I will be at home now for the foreseeable future so can collect or be here to receive anything you have to donate.

Loving Father, we pray for parents who are struggling to provide for their children in material and other ways. Please grant them the means to support and nurture their family and to give them the security they need.

We pray for all families who are facing adversity at this time. Lord Jesus be with them always and assure them that they are never alone. May they find the encouragement and practical support they need to transform their circumstances. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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